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(c) *Anamalais.*—During 1928–29, 12 rooms each 12 feet × 10 feet with latrines and verandah, were built, each room being designed for a family of about five or six persons. During 1929–30, 12 such rooms were built.

(d) Not for ordinary plantation work, except when it is cheaper or convenient, e.g., felling work, for which a rate per acre is fixed or revetment work for which a cubic content rate is fixed.

Civil Justice

Proposal, if any, to reduce the strength of the High Court Bench.

* 568 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal with the Government to reduce the number of High Court Judges for the sake of retrenchment; and

(*b*) if so, what is the number to be reduced?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No such proposal is at present under the consideration of Government.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" In view of the fact that retrenchment is effected in other departments of the Government, may I know whether the Government do not consider it advisable to reduce the number of High Court Judges also? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" It is not practicable, having regard to the state of arrears in the High Court."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" May I ask if the hon. Member is aware that, after the number of Judges was increased, the arrears also began to increase? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" I am not aware of it."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" Is there any proposal to reduce the pay of the High Court Judges? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" No, Sir."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether there has been any voluntary cut on the part of the High Court Judges? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" If my hon. Friend had been here when His Excellency addressed this Council, he would have had the information from his speech."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" As I was not here then, will the hon. Member be pleased to give the information? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—" My hon. Friend can have it from the newspapers."

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Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I ask whether the Government of the hon. the Law Member has since received the proposal of the High Court Judges with regard to retrenchment in their salaries?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether the arrears in the High Court are being satisfactorily reduced?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Attempts are made in that direction."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know what steps the Government propose to take in order to lessen the arrears?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"The Judges are devoting their full attention to this question."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to state what retrenchment has been effected in the High Court establishment?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"It is left to the discretion of the Chief Justice under the Letters Patent."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I ask if the hon. Member is aware that since the Master of the High Court has been appointed, the work of the Judges has been considerably reduced, as the Master has taken over a good deal work?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Not with reference to the important portion of the work of the Judges."

Transfer of Sarishtadars of District Courts.

*569 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether any representation has been made in the current year by the Bar Associations in the Presidency to the Government of Madras on the subject of transfer of District Court Sarishtadars who have served for more than three years at a station and what action has been taken thereon?

A.—No such representation has been received. Under the Madras Civil Courts Act, III of 1873, the transfer of Sarishtadars of District Courts is a matter within the discretion of the High Court.

Electricity

Electrification of Salem and Erode.

* 570 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Goundar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state— 11-15 a.m.

(*a*) at what stage the electrification of Salem and Erode is;

(*b*) when will the work be actually finished;

(*c*) when the electric power from Pykara will be introduced to these towns;